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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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- 24. (original) A calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible for making a calcium fluoride crystal with increased far-ultraviolet transmission, said graphite crucible comprised of a graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 4 cm²/s.
- 25. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a Hg porosity of at least 16.7%.
- 26. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a Hg porosity of at least 20%.
- 27. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 5 cm²/s.
- 28. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 6 cm²/s.
- 29. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 7 cm²/s.

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- 30. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 8 cm²/s.
- 31. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 9 cm²/s.
- 32. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 10 cm²/s.
- 33. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 11 cm²/s.
- 34. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 12 cm²/s.
- 35. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 13 cm²/s.
- 36. (previously presented) The calcium fluoride crystal producing graphite crucible f according to claim 24, said graphite having a permeability of which, measured according to the DIN 51935 Standard, is greater than 14 cm²/s.
- 37. (previously presented) A graphite crucible suitable for growing monocrystals of alkali and alkaline earth metal fluorides, said crucible being comprised of a graphite

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having a permeability greater than 4 cm²/s when measured according to DIN Standard 51935

- 38. (previously presented) The graphite crucible according to claim 37, wherein the graphite has a permeability greater than 10 cm²/s when measured according to DIN Standard 51935.
- 39. (previously presented) The graphite crucible according to claim 37, wherein the graphite has a permeability is greater than 14 cm²/s when measured according to DIN Standard 51935.
- 40. (previously presented) The graphite crucible according to claim 37, wherein the graphite has a Hg porosity of at least 16.7%.